

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously Presented) The elevator car assembly as recited in claim 7, wherein said brace comprises a steel sheet.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) An elevator car assembly comprising:
a frame including a plurality of uprights and a plank beam between the uprights;
a platform adjustably supported upon said frame, said platform being selectively adjustable relative to said frame to select an amount of the platform that is positioned on each of opposite sides of the uprights for balancing said assembly;

a plurality of braces~~at least one brace~~ mounted between said platform and at least one of said uprights, said ~~brace~~braces stabilizing said platform in a selected position relative to said plank beam, said ~~at least one brace comprising a plurality of braces~~ mounted in a substantially V-shaped orientation between said platform and said upright, in which two of the braces are legs of a V, a portion of one of the two braces overlapping a portion of the other of the two braces near an end of the braces at the one of said uprights, wherein each of said braces includes ~~said slot~~a slot; and comprising

_____ a single fastener at least partially received through each said slot to secure said overlapping portions of the braces to said upright, wherein each said slot has a longitudinal dimension that is larger than a dimension of said fastener to permit said brace to be longitudinally moveable relative to said fastener into a selected position.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) An elevator car assembly comprising:
- a frame including a plurality of uprights and a plank beam between the uprights;
 - a platform adjustably supported upon said frame, said platform being selectively adjustable relative to said frame to select an amount of the platform that is positioned on each of opposite sides of the uprights for balancing said assembly;
 - at least one brace mounted between said platform and at least one of said uprights, said brace stabilizing said platform in a selected position relative to said plank beam, said brace including a slot near an end of said brace that cooperates with said platform such that said end is adjustable relative to said platform to alter a position of said platform relative to said plank beam, said brace including a second slot near an opposite end of said brace that cooperates with said upright such that said opposite end is adjustable relative to said upright to alter a position of said platform;
 - a second brace mounted between said platform and the one of said uprights, the second brace having a portion that overlaps a portion of the at least one brace where the braces are mounted to one of said uprights, each of the braces including a slot at the overlapping portion;
 - and
 - a fastener received through the slots and securing the braces to the one of the uprights, the slots having a longitudinal dimension that is greater than a dimension of the fastener such that the braces are longitudinally moveable relative to the fastener for selectively positioning the platform relative to the frame.

10. (Previously Presented) The assembly of claim 9, wherein the platform is adjustable relative to the frame in at least a first direction within a plane of said platform and in a second direction that is not parallel to said plane.

11. (Previously Presented) The assembly of claim 9, including a plurality of fixed length braces securing said platform in a selected position relative to said frame.

12-13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) The elevator car frame assembly as recited in ~~claim~~ claim 7, wherein each said brace comprises a second slot and including a second fastener that is at least partially received through said second slot to secure said brace to said platform, said second slot having a dimension that is larger than a dimension of said second fastener to permit said brace to be longitudinally moveable relative to said second fastener into a selected position.

15. (Previously Presented) The elevator car frame assembly as recited in claim 7, wherein said braces comprise fixed-length braces adjustably mounted to said platform and said uprights.

16. (Previously Presented) The elevator car frame assembly as recited in claim 7, wherein said platform has a plurality of layers separated by a plurality of isolation pads, said isolation pads having an equal weight distribution thereon.

17-21. (Cancelled)

22. (New) The assembly of claim 7, wherein the two braces each include a second slot near an end of the brace that is secured to said platform by a fastener that is received at least partially through said second slot, each second slot having a longitudinal dimension that is greater than a dimension of the corresponding fastener such that the brace is longitudinally moveable relative to the fastener.

23. (New) The assembly of claim 9, wherein the braces each include a second slot near an end of the brace that is secured to said platform by a fastener that is received at least partially through said second slot, each second slot having a longitudinal dimension that is greater than a dimension of the corresponding fastener such that the brace is longitudinally moveable relative to the fastener.